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SUBJ: WEATHER MODIFICATION

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1. DURING PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS OF US ROLE IN HELPING GON UNDERSTAND PROBLEMS AND POSSIBILITIES OF WEATHER MODIFICATION IT APPEARED THAT SOME OR ALL OF THIS INFORMATION WOULD BECOME AVAILABLE AT OUAGADOUGOU TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS AND THAT NO ACTION PROGRAM WAS PLANNED BEFORE A GENERAL DISSEMINATION OF THIS INFORMATION. REFTEL TAKES A LONG LEAP AHEAD AND GETS US INTO POSITION OF ACTIVE COOPERATION WITH GON IN FACILITATING CLOUD SEEDING OPERATIONS.

2. NO MATTER WHAT RESULT SUCH OPERATIONS MIGHT HAVE IN NIGER I CANNOT CONCEIVE OF ANY ARGUMENT WHICH PRESIDENT TOMBALBAYE AND GOC WOULD ACCEPT THAT SUCH OPERATIONS DID NOT JEOPARDIZE CHAD'S OWN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION. IF EARLY AUTUMN IS SLIGHTLY DRIER THAN NORMAL OR IF IT SHOULD HAPPEN TO BE TOO WET FOR GOOD HARVEST, GOC WILL CERTAINLY BLAME THESE OPERATIONS

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AND POINT TO US ROLE IN HELPING WITH ARRANGEMENTS. I SUSPECT

THAT EMBASSIES IN OTHER NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES WILL HAVE SAME
DIFFICULTIES EXPLAINING US INVOLVEMENT TO HOST GOVERNMENTS.

3. BELIEVE IT VERY IMPORTANT THAT USG DISASSOCIATE ITSELF
FULLY FROM THIS OPERATION UNTIL IT CAN BE CONTEMPLATED IN FULL
SAHELIAN REGIONAL CONTEXT AND ALL AFFECTED GOVERNMENTS ARE
CONSULTED. OTHERWISE IT SEEMS TO ME THAT CHANCES TO AVOID FORMAL AND
EMPHATIC GOC PROTEST WILL BE LIMITED NO MATTER WHAT THE NIGER
OPERATION WILL PRODUCE.
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